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Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

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### FINAL ORDER (I) APPROVING NOTIFICATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered two (2) through six (6), is ORDERED.

**DATED: May 31, 2023** 

Honorable Vincent F. Papalia United States Bankruptcy Judge

The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 Cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

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Upon the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 23] (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of a final order (this "Final Order") (a) approving the Procedures related to transfers of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock and Preferred Stock, and (b) directing that any purchase, sale, other transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void ab initio, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion was appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, and the Court having been advised that all formal or informal objections have been resolved, , and the Court having been advised that all formal or informal objections have been resolved, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is **GRANTED** on a final basis as set forth herein.
- 2. The Procedures, as set forth in <u>Exhibit 1</u> attached to this Final Order, are hereby approved on a final basis.
- 3. Any transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock in violation of the Procedures, including but not limited to the notice requirements, shall be null and void *ab initio*.
- 4. In the case of any such transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock in violation of the Procedures, including but not limited to the notice requirements, the person or entity making such transfer shall be required to take remedial actions specified by the Debtors, which may include the actions specified in Private Letter Ruling 201010009 (Dec. 4, 2009), to appropriately reflect that such transfer is null and void *ab initio*.
- 5. The Debtors may retroactively or prospectively waive any and all restrictions, stays, and notification procedures set forth in the Procedures.
- 6. Within three business days after entry of this Final Order or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall (i) send the notice of this Final Order by first class mail and email, if available, to all parties that were served with notice of the Motion, including any broker, bank, dealer or other agent, intermediary, or nominee of a beneficial holder of Common Stock or Preferred Stock and any known registered holders of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, (ii) publish the Notice of Final Order once in *The New York Times*, and (iii) post the Final Order,

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or unknown.

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Procedures, Declarations, and Notice of Final Order to the website established by Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the Debtors' proposed noticing, claims, and solicitation agent for these Chapter 11 Cases (<a href="https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby">https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby</a>), such notice being reasonably calculated to provide notice to all parties that may be affected by the Procedures, whether known

7. To the extent that this Final Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with respect to the Motion in these Chapter 11 Cases, the terms of this Final Order shall govern.

8. Nothing herein shall preclude any person desirous of acquiring Common Stock or Preferred Stock from requesting relief from this Final Order from this Court, subject to the Debtors' and the other Notice Parties' rights to oppose such relief.

9. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Final Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Final Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the validity of any particular claim against the Debtors; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Final Order or the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors', or any other party in interest's, rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (g) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) that may be satisfied pursuant to the Motion are valid, and the rights of all parties are expressly reserved to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or seek avoidance of all such liens. Any

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payment made pursuant to this Final Order is not intended and should not be construed as an admission as the validity of any particular claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

Order, any payment to be made, obligation incurred, or relief or authorization granted hereunder shall not be inconsistent with, and shall be subject to and in compliance with, the requirements imposed on the Debtors under the terms of each interim and final order entered by the Court in respect of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing Debtors To (A) Obtain Postpetition Financing and (B) Utilize Cash Collateral, (II) Granting Liens and Superpriority Administrative Expense Claims, (III) Granting Adequate Protection, (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (V) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VI) Granting Related Relief filed substantially contemporaneously herewith (the "DIP Orders"), including compliance with any budget or cash flow forecast in connection therewith and any other terms and conditions thereof. Nothing herein is intended to modify, alter, or waive, in any way, any terms, provisions, requirements, or restrictions of the DIP Orders.

11. Nothing in this Final Order shall alter or limit any authorization, requirement or relief contained in, or prevent BBB Canada Ltd. and Bed Bath & Beyond Canada L.P. (collectively, "BBB Canada") from taking any action authorized pursuant to, or required by, the CCAA, the Initial Order in respect of BBB Canada (the "Initial Order") issued by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "CCAA Court") in proceedings in respect of BBB Canada pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) or any Order

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granted thereunder, and to the extent of any inconsistency between the Final Order and the terms of the Initial Order or any other order of the CCAA Court or the CCAA, the order of the CCAA Court or the CCAA, as applicable, shall govern with respect to BBB Canada.

- 12. The requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise deemed waived.
- 13. The Debtors are authorized to take all reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 14. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent applicable, this Final Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.
- 15. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 16. The requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise waived.
- 17. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.

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# Exhibit 1

Procedures for Transfers of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock and Preferred Stock

#### PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERS OF COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK

The following procedures apply to transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock:<sup>1</sup>

- Any entity (as defined in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code) that is a Substantial Shareholder (as defined herein) must file with the Court, and serve upon: (i) the Debtors, Bed Bath & Beyond Inc., 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, Attn: David Kastin; (ii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors,(a) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C., Emily E. Geier, P.C., Derek I. Hunter, and Ross J. Fiedler, (b) Cole Schotz P.C., Court Plaza North, 25 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, Attn.: Michael D. Sirota, Esq., Warren A. Usatine, Esq., and Felice R. Yudkin, Esq.; (iii) counsel to the Prepetition ABL Agent, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Shpeen (adam.shpeen@davispolk.com), Adam L. Steven Z. (steven.szanzer@davispolk.com), and Michael Pera (michael.pera@davispolk.com); (iv) proposed counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases, (a) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 780 Third Avenue, 34th Floor New York, NY 10017, Attn: Robert J. Feinstein, Bradford J. Sandler, Paul J. Labov, and Colin R. Robinson, (b) Gibbons P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102, Attn: Robert K. Malone, Peter J. Ulrich, and Brett S. Theisen; (v) counsel to the DIP Agent, Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, New York 10036, Attn: David M. Hillman (dhillman@proskauer.com) and Megan R. Volin (mvolin@proskauer.com); and (vi) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey, One Newark Center, 1085 Raymond Boulevard, Suite 2100, Newark, New Jersey 07102, (collectively, the "Notice Parties"), a declaration of such status, substantially in the form attached to the Procedures as Exhibit 1A (each, a "Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder"), on or before the later of (A) twenty calendar days after the date of the Notice of Final Order, or (B) ten calendar days after becoming a Substantial Shareholder; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any Substantial Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder has been filed.
- b. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock that would result in an increase in the amount of Common Stock or Preferred Stock of which a Substantial Shareholder has Beneficial Ownership or would result in an entity or individual becoming a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties, an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, as applicable, substantially in the form attached to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1B** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock or Preferred Stock").

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

- c. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock that would result in a decrease in the amount of Common Stock or Preferred Stock of which a Substantial Shareholder has Beneficial Ownership or would result in an entity or individual ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties, an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, as applicable, substantially in the form attached to the Procedures as <a href="Exhibit 1C">Exhibit 1C</a> (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock or Preferred Stock," and together with a Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock or Preferred Stock, each, a "Declaration of Proposed Transfer").
- d. The Debtors and the other Notice Parties shall have twenty calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Proposed Transfer to file with the Court and serve on such Substantial Shareholder or potential Substantial Shareholder an objection to any proposed transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, as applicable, described in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer on the grounds that such transfer might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes. If the Debtors or any of the other Notice Parties file an objection, such transaction will remain ineffective unless such objection is withdrawn, or such transaction is approved by a final and non-appealable order of the Court. If the Debtors and the other Notice Parties do not object within such twenty-day period, such transaction can proceed solely as set forth in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer. Further transactions within the scope of this paragraph must be the subject of additional notices in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, with an additional twenty-day waiting period for each Declaration of Proposed Transfer. To the extent that the Debtors receive an appropriate Declaration of Proposed Transfer and determine in their business judgment not to object, they shall provide notice of that decision as soon as is reasonably practicable to any statutory committee(s) appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- e. For purposes of these Procedures: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of at least (a) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (currently 33,257,558² shares of Common Stock) or (b) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Preferred Stock (currently 9³ shares of Preferred Stock); and (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the IRC, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members

Based on approximately 739,056,836 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date.

Based on approximately 180 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date.

may be treated as one individual, and (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity).

#### **NOTICE PROCEDURES**

The following notice procedures apply to these Procedures:

- a. No later than three (3) business days following entry of the Final Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall serve a notice by first class mail, substantially in the form attached to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1D** (the "Notice of Final Order"), on: (i) the U.S. Trustee for the District of New Jersey (the "U.S. Trustee"); (ii) the entities listed on the consolidated list of creditors holding the 30 largest unsecured claims; (iii) the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; (iv) the Internal Revenue Service; (v) any official committees appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases; and (vi) all registered and nominee holders of Common Stock or Preferred Stock (with instructions to serve down to the beneficial holders of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, as applicable).
- b. All registered and nominee holders of Common Stock or Preferred Stock shall be required to serve the Notice of Final Order on any holder for whose benefit such registered or nominee holder holds such Common Stock or Preferred Stock, down the chain of ownership for all such holders of Common Stock or Preferred Stock.
- c. Any entity or individual, or broker or agent acting on such entity's or individual's behalf who sells Common Stock or Preferred Stock to another entity or individual, shall be required to serve a copy of the Notice of Final Order on such purchaser of such Common Stock or Preferred Stock, or any broker or agent acting on such purchaser's behalf.
- d. To the extent confidential information is required in any declaration described in the Procedures, such confidential information may be filed and served in redacted form; provided, however, that any such declarations served on the Debtors shall not be in redacted form. The Debtors shall keep all information provided in such declarations strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any person except: (i) to the extent necessary to respond to a petition or objection filed with the Court; (ii) to the extent otherwise required by law; or (iii) to the extent that the information contained therein is already public; provided, however, that the Debtors may disclose the contents thereof to their professional advisors, who shall keep all such notices strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any other person, subject to further Court order. To the extent confidential information is necessary to respond to a petitioner objection filed with the Court, such confidential information shall be filed under seal or in a redacted form.

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# Exhibit 1A

**Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder** 

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

re:			

Chapter 11

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,

In

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

Debtors.1

(Jointly Administered)

### DECLARATION OF STATUS AS A SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER<sup>2</sup>

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party is/has become a Substantial Shareholder with respect to the common stock or Series A convertible preferred stock of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc, or any Beneficial Ownership therein (any such record or Beneficial Ownership of common stock, the "Common Stock", and any such record or Beneficial Ownership of Series A convertible preferred stock, the "Preferred Stock"). Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in 23-13359 (VFP) pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court").

The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at <a href="https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby">https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby</a>. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 Cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of at least (a) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (currently 33,257,558 shares of Common Stock, based on approximately 739,056,836 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date) or (b) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Preferred Stock (currently 9 shares of Preferred Stock, based on approximately 180 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date); and (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, and (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, as of	, 2023, the undersigned
party currently has Beneficial Ownership of shares of Commo	n Stock and
shares of Preferred Stock. The following table sets forth the date(s) on	which the undersigned
party acquired Beneficial Ownership of such Common Stock or Preferred	Stock:

Number of Shares	Type of Stock (Common/Preferred)	Date Acquired

(Attach additional page or pages if necessary)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are \_\_\_\_\_.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain Final Order (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. \_\_\_] (the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties (as defined in the Order).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, at the election of the Substantial Shareholder, the Declaration to be filed with this Court (but not the Declaration that is served upon the Notice Parties) may be redacted to exclude the Substantial Shareholder's taxpayer identification number and the amount of Common Stock or Preferred Stock that the Substantial Shareholder beneficially owns.

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**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Substantial Shareholder)
	Ву:
	Name:Address:
	Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:, 20	
(City) (State)	

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# Exhibit 1B

**Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock or Preferred Stock** 

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:
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BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

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# DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ACCUMULATE COMMON STOCK OR PREFERRED STOCK<sup>2</sup>

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to purchase, acquire, or otherwise accumulate (the "<u>Proposed Transfer</u>") one or more shares of the common stock or Series A convertible preferred stock of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc, or any Beneficial Ownership therein (any such record or Beneficial Ownership of common stock the "Common Stock"). Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case

The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at <a href="https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby">https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby</a>. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 Cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of at least (a) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (currently 33,257,558 shares of Common Stock, based on approximately 739,056,836 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date) or (b) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Preferred Stock (currently 9 shares of Preferred Stock, based on approximately 180 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date); and (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, and (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity).

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No. 23-13359 (VFP) pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court"). PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if applicable, on , 2023, the undersigned party filed a Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder with the Court and served copies thereof as set forth therein. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Transfer, the undersigned party proposes to purchase, acquire, or otherwise accumulate Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock. If the Proposed Transfer is permitted to occur, the undersigned party will have Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are \_\_\_\_\_\_. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain Final Order (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ] (the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties (as defined in the Order). PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, at the election of the undersigned party, the

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Parties) may be redacted to exclude the undersigned party's taxpayer identification number and the amount of Common Stock or Preferred Stock that the undersigned party beneficially owns.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that it is prohibited from consummating the Proposed Transfer unless and until the undersigned party complies with the Procedures set forth therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors and the other Notice Parties have twenty calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Transfer described herein. If the Debtors or any of the other Notice Parties file an objection, such Proposed Transfer will remain ineffective unless such objection is withdrawn or such transaction is approved by a final and non-appealable order of the Court. If the Debtors and the other Notice Parties do not object within such twenty-day period, then after expiration of such period the Proposed Transfer may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further transactions contemplated by the undersigned party that may result in the undersigned party purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise accumulating Beneficial Ownership of additional shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock will each require an additional notice filed with the Court to be served in the same manner as this Declaration.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

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	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Declarant)
	By:
	Name:Address:
	Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:, 20	
(City) (State)	

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# Exhibit 1C

**Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock or Preferred Stock** 

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:	Chapter 11

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer (the "Proposed Transfer") one or more shares of the common stock or Series A convertible preferred stock of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc, or any Beneficial Ownership therein (any such record or Beneficial Ownership of common stock, the "Common Stock", and any such record or Beneficial Ownership of Series A convertible preferred stock, the "Preferred Stock"). Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. is a debtor and debtor in

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For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of at least (a) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (currently 33,257,558 shares of Common Stock, based on approximately 739,056,836 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date) or (b) 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Preferred Stock (currently 9 shares of Preferred Stock, based on approximately 180 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date, which may be subject to change following the Petition Date); and (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, and (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity).

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possession in Case No. 23-13359 (VFP) pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court"). PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if applicable, on , 2023, the undersigned party filed a Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder with the Court and served copies thereof as set forth therein. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Transfer, the undersigned party proposes to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock. If the Proposed Transfer is permitted to occur, the undersigned party will have Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock and shares of Preferred Stock after such transfer becomes effective. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are . PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain Final Order (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. \_\_\_] (the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties (as defined in

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the Order).

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Parties) may be redacted to exclude the undersigned party's taxpayer identification number and the amount of Common Stock or Preferred Stock that the undersigned party beneficially owns.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that it is prohibited from consummating the Proposed Transfer unless and until the undersigned party complies with the Procedures set forth therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors and the other Notice Parties have twenty calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Transfer described herein. If the Debtors or any of the other Notice Parties file an objection, such Proposed Transfer will remain ineffective unless such objection is withdrawn or such transaction is approved by a final and non-appealable order of the Court. If the Debtors and the other Notice Parties do not object within such twenty-day period, then after expiration of such period the Proposed Transfer may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further transactions contemplated by the undersigned party that may result in the undersigned party selling, trading, or otherwise transferring Beneficial Ownership of additional shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock will each require an additional notice filed with the Court to be served in the same manner as this Declaration.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

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	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Declarant)
	By:
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	Telephone:Facsimile:
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# Exhibit 1D

**Notice of Final Order** 

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:

Chapter 11

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.,

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF (I) DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF COMMON STOCK OR PREFERRED STOCK, (II) DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERS OF COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK

TO: ALL ENTITIES (AS DEFINED BY SECTION 101(15) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE) THAT MAY HOLD BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF THE COMMON STOCK (THE "COMMON STOCK") OR SERIES A CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK (THE "PREFERRED STOCK") OF BED BATH & BEYOND INC.:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 23, 2023 (the "Petition Date"), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Subject to certain exceptions, section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code operates as a stay of any act to obtain possession of property of or from the Debtors' estates or to exercise control over property of or from the Debtors' estates.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Approving Notification and Hearing

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Procedures for Certain Transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 23] (the "Motion").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on [\_\_\_\_\_], 2023, the Court entered the Final Order (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. \_\_] (the "Final Order") approving procedures for certain transfers of Common Stock and Preferred Stock set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to the Final Order (the "Procedures").<sup>2</sup>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to the Final Order, a Substantial Shareholder may not consummate any purchase, sale, or other transfer of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, in violation of the Procedures, and any such transaction in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Final Order, the Procedures shall apply to the holding and transfers of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, or any Beneficial Ownership therein by a Substantial Shareholder or someone who may become a Substantial Shareholder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Interim Order or the Motion, as applicable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Final Order, upon the request of any entity, the proposed noticing, claims, and solicitation agent for the Debtors, Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, will provide a copy of the Final Order and a form of each of the declarations required to be filed by the Procedures in a reasonable period of time. Such declarations are also available via PACER on the Court's website at <a href="https://ecf.njb.uscourts.gov/">https://ecf.njb.uscourts.gov/</a> for a fee or free of charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://ecf.njb.uscourts.gov/">https://ecf.njb.uscourts.gov/</a>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to the Final Order, failure to follow the procedures set forth in the Final Order shall constitute a violation of, among other things, the automatic stay provisions of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that nothing in the Final Order shall preclude any person desirous of acquiring any Common Stock or Preferred Stock from requesting relief from the Final Order from this Court, subject to the Debtors' and the other Notice Parties' rights to oppose such relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that other than to the extent that the Final Order expressly conditions or restricts trading in Common Stock or Preferred Stock, nothing in the Final Order or in the Motion shall, or shall be deemed to, prejudice, impair, or otherwise alter or affect the rights of any holders of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, including in connection with the treatment of any such stock under any chapter 11 plan or any applicable bankruptcy court order.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any prohibited purchase, sale, other transfer of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, or the Beneficial Ownership thereof in violation of the Final Order is prohibited and shall be null and void *ab initio* and may be subject to additional sanctions as this court may determine.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the requirements set forth in the Final Order are in addition to the requirements of applicable law and do not excuse compliance therewith.

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Dated:	, 2023

#### /s/ DRAFT

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United States Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

In re: Case No. 23-13359-VFP
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. Chapter 11

Debtor

### CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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aty	k I. Hunter, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4643	
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The following addresses were not sent this bankruptcy notice due to an undeliverable address, \*duplicate of an address listed above, \*P duplicate of a preferred address, or ## out of date forwarding orders with USPS.

NONE

## NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Jun 02, 2023 Signature: /s/Gustava Winters